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Howard County Office of Human Rights to present the award-winning documentary, “The New Black”

ELICOTT CITY, MD – Howard County’s Office of Human Rights has partnered with PFLAG (Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) Columbia-Howard County chapter, Christ United Methodist Church and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbia to host a total of six community showings of the award-winning documentary, “The New Black.” Directed, produced and written by Yoruba Richen, the film tells the story of the historic fight to win marriage equality in Maryland and charts the evolution of this divisive issue within the black community.

The first screening of the film will take place on Tuesday, June 9 from 7:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Owen Brown Interfaith Center, 7246 Cradlerock Way in Columbia, followed by a second screening on Tuesday, July 14 from 7:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Gary J. Arthur Community Center, 2400 Route 97 in Cooksville. For the location and time of the last four screenings, email Mary Toth, Outreach Coordinator for the Office of Human Rights, at mtoth@howardcountymd.gov. Admission to each screening is free and all are invited to attend.

A moderated panel discussion on the issues raised in the film, conducted by leaders from the Howard County faith and LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) communities, will follow each screening.

For more information about the screenings, contact the Office of Human Rights at 410-313-6430.

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